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Emergency Medical Services for Children Day Observed in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed May 19, 2004, as Emergency Medical Services for Children Day in North Dakota.

Emergency Medical Services for Children Day highlights the unique emergency-care needs of children and emphasizes the importance of properly trained emergency personnel, appropriately equipped ambulances and emergency departments, well-defined pediatric treatment procedures and effective injury prevention strategies.

“Our children are precious and deserve the best possible care when they are sick or injured,” said State Health Officer Dr. Terry Dwelle, M.D., M.P.H.T.M. “North Dakota’s emergency personnel are dedicated to saving children’s lives.”

About 30 million children need emergency care each year in the United States. Emergency medical services professionals work to save children’s lives through emergency response, injury prevention, safety awareness and emergency preparedness. In addition, parents and caregivers play a critical role in preventing and preparing for pediatric emergencies.

For more information about Emergency Medical Services for Children Day, contact Howard Walth, Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Coordinator, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2953.

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PROCLAMATION
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY
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WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children is an integral part of the health care system in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the needs of children are different from the needs of adults in medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children promotes the high-level care given by emergency medical services providers with pediatric emergency skills; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children works with physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, firefighters, educators, administrators and others to identify and address the issues surrounding the provision of optimal care and the prevention of injuries to North Dakota's children; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services for Children assists in the development of training programs and guidelines for emergency care providers so that children receive timely, appropriate emergency health care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 19, 2004, **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN DAY** in North Dakota.

John Hoeven
Governor